

REMARKS

At the outset, Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement and the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(p).

Claims 1-69 are pending in this application. The Examiner indicated that claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19, 20, 22-45 and 55-69 were withdrawn from consideration. Applicants have now canceled claims 22-45 and 55-69 without prejudice to filing these claims in a divisional application.

Applicants acknowledge the allowance of claims 21 and 46-54.

Dependent claims 4-6, 15, 16 and 18 are objected to, but would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claim 18 has been canceled and the limitation set forth therein has been incorporated into claim 1. It is therefore believed that independent claim 1, and claims 2-17 and 19-20 dependent thereon, are now allowable. Claims 7, 10, 13, 14, 17, 19 and 20, which were drawn to a non-elected species, are now allowable because they depend from allowable generic claim 1.

Claim 1 has also been amended to read "maintaining said vertical state" in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The rejections of claims 1-3, 9, 11 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and claim 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) are deemed moot in view of the foregoing amendments.

Accordingly, in view of the foregoing Remarks, Applicants submit that claims 1-17, 19-21 and 46-54 are allowable and in a proper condition for allowance.

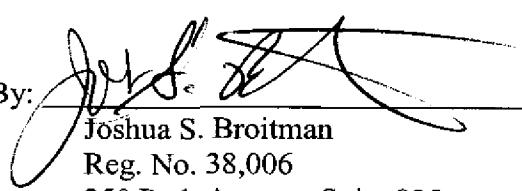
The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney at (212) 681-0600 if any unresolved matters remain.

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